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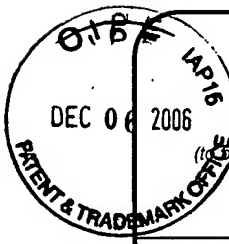
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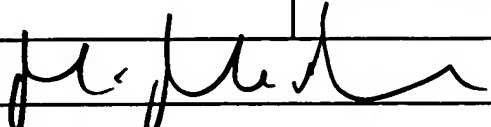
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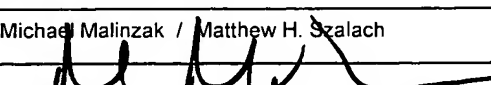
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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Sir:

An interview was conducted with Examiner Freay on November 7, 2006. During the interview, Claim 25 was discussed. No exhibit was shown or demonstration conducted. Claim 25 was discussed in relation to Rajendran (U.S. Pat. No. 6,672,846). Applicants' representative (Matthew H. Szalach, Reg. No. 53,665) proposed arguments to the Examiner that Rajendran fails to disclose an outer shell that defines a central shell and a suction duct, with the suction duct being spaced apart from the central shell. Nonetheless, Applicants' representative agreed to amend Claim 25 at line 2 to replace the term "defining" with the term "forming." Because Applicants do not see a meaningful distinction between the terms as used in the context of Claim 25, the amendment

should not be considered to narrow the claim scope. The Examiner agreed that the amendment to Claim 25 places the application in condition for allowance and agreed to make the amendment via an Examiner's Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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